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Dyddiad/Date: 27 August 2021

Dear ,

ATISN 15462 – RENEWABLE ONSHORE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS.

Thank you for your request which I received on 25 August. You asked for:

- Information on any large scale wind energy applications that were withdrawn either before or after submitting an application? If withdrawn at pre app stage or scoping request stage.

The information caught by your request constitutes environmental information so has been considered for disclosure under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). I have decided none of the information described in the enclosed disclosure list is exempt from disclosure.

Information pertaining to applications for Developments of National Significance (DNS) is available at:

<https://dns.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/>

You will, however, need to search through the web-site to find the information you seek in respect to onshore wind farms.

The UK Secretary of State may also have received some applications which were subsequently withdrawn, details of Development Consent Orders can be accessed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/register-of-applications/>

Again you will need to search through the web-site to find the information you seek in respect of onshore wind farms.

The Welsh Government does not hold information on applications submitted to Local Planning Authorities and subsequently withdrawn, you would need to contact each individual LPA to obtain any information they hold in respect of their administrative areas.

Please note: the Welsh Government is facing unprecedented challenges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As a result resources, both finances and people, are being diverted away from many of our usual activities to deal with the pandemic. This will undoubtedly impact on our ability to comply with the normal requirements for information rights work and as a result you may experience delays when making information rights requests during the pandemic. We thank you for your understanding during this time. The following is a link to the blog page of the Information Commissioner's web site where you can find an article entitled "FOI and the coronavirus: a measured approach"

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/icos-blog-on-its-information-rights-work/>

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely